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July 17, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

ALPER KARAALI,
Plaintiff,

v.

MATTHEW HOFFMAN and
JAMES C. LEE,
Defendants.

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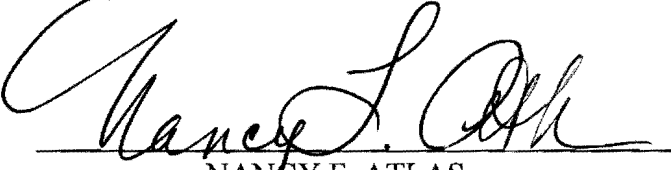
CIVIL ACTION NO. H-18-2447

DISMISSAL ORDER

Plaintiff Alper Karaali, *pro se*, filed this legal malpractice case against Defendants Matthew Hoffman and James C. Lee, appearing to assert subject matter jurisdiction on the basis of diversity of citizenship. *See* Complaint [Doc. # 1], p. 2 (“The Court has jurisdiction over this lawsuit because the amount in controversy exceeds this Court’s minimum jurisdictional amount.”). Plaintiff asserts, however, that he and Defendant Hoffman are both citizens of Texas. *See id.* Absent complete diversity between Plaintiff and all Defendants, this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332. *See Alviar v. Lillard*, 854 F.3d 286, 289 (5th Cir. 2017) (“for diversity jurisdiction to exist under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, ‘all persons on one side of the controversy [must] be citizens of different states than all persons on the other side.’”) As a result, it is hereby

ORDERED that this case is **DISMISSED** for lack of subject matter **jurisdiction**. The dismissal is without prejudice to Plaintiff's ability to refile the lawsuit in the appropriate Texas state court.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, this 17th day of **July, 2018**.



NANCY F. ATLAS
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE